

substantially the same as [its] the same skin or core layer thickness in all zones.

Remarks

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Bell for the courtesies extended during the personal interview conducted on November 5, 1993.

During this interview, the prior art embodied in PCT Application 90/02540 was discussed in relationship to the invention as claimed. Specifically, the film laminate structure as shown in Fig. 1 of this PCT application was distinguished from the claimed film laminate. It was pointed out that the Fig. 1 laminate of the PCT application cannot form into preferential activation regions or zones and non-preferential activation regions or zones as is specifically required by the independent claims of the instant application. A simple three-layer laminate, such as that disclosed in the PCT application, when stretched will elongate substantially along the entire region placed under tension in a non-preferential manner. The claims of the invention require that when a length of film is stretched, the film will preferentially stretch in certain regions or zones, which results in production of a film having elastic regions adjacent nonelastic regions or elastic zones adjacent nonelastic zones.

Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments concerning the claims in view of the prior art, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (612) 736-4790 so as to expedite this application to allowance.

In view of the above, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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